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2011 Montana Honey Production

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Montana honey producers with five or more colonies during 2011 produced 13.3 million pounds of honey, up 15 percent from 2010, according to USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. The estimate of honey production includes production by colonies that were in the state for part of the year. There were 145,000 colonies producing honey in 2011, compared with 157,000 colonies in 2010. The honey yield per colony was 92 pounds, up 18 pounds from a year ago. Honey stocks on December 15, 2011 were 3.2 million pounds, up from 2.9 million pounds in 2010.

Montana honey prices increased \$0.06 from 2010 to \$1.64 per pound in 2011, setting a new record high. The 2011 value of honey production was \$21.9 million dollars, up 19 percent from last year due to higher prices and production.

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